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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (original) An apparatus for luring waterfowl, the apparatus comprising:
 - a rotatable platform;
 - a force-generating unit for rotating the rotatable platform;
 - a power source for powering the force-generating unit to rotate the rotatable platform;
 - one or more support arms attached to the rotatable platform, each of said support arms including:
 - a lower end attached to the rotatable platform; and
 - an upper end positioned above the rotatable platform; and
 - a waterfowl decoy attached to the upper end of each support arm with said decoy being positioned above the rotatable platform;
 - wherein each decoy is moved along a substantially circular path above the rotatable platform as the rotatable platform is rotated by the force-generating unit, thereby providing a lure for waterfowl.
2. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said force-generating unit includes an electric motor with an output shaft attached to the rotatable platform.
3. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said force-generating unit includes a jet propulsion device.
4. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said power source includes a battery.
5. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein each of said support arms includes an elongate rod having a substantially circular cross-sectional dimension.
6. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein each of said support arms is flexible and bends when a decoy is attached to the upper end of the support arm.

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7. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said waterfowl decoy includes a body portion with wings spread and extending from opposed sides of the body portion so as to simulate flight.
8. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a buoyant housing to which said force-generating unit is attached.
9. (original) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein said rotatable platform is rigidly attached to the housing.
10. (original) The apparatus of claim 8, further comprising a floatation device operably associated with the buoyant housing for enhancing buoyancy of the apparatus.
11. (original) The apparatus of claim 8, further comprising one or more hydrodynamic drag inducing elements attached to an outer surface of the buoyant housing.
12. (original) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein said power supply is positioned within the buoyant housing.
13. (original) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein said force-generating unit is positioned within the buoyant housing.
14. (original) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein said force-generating unit is attached to an outer surface of the buoyant housing.
15. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a controller for controlling operation of the force-generating unit.
16. (original) An apparatus for luring waterfowl, the apparatus comprising:
 - a rotatable platform;
 - a force-generating unit for rotating the rotatable platform;
 - a power source for powering the force-generating unit to rotate the rotatable platform;

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one or more support arms attached to the rotatable platform, each of said support arms including:

a lower end attached to the rotatable platform; and

an upper end positioned above the rotatable platform;

wherein each of said support arms is flexible and bends when a decoy is attached to the upper end of the support arm; and

a waterfowl decoy attached to the upper end of each support arm with said decoy being positioned above the rotatable platform;

wherein each decoy is moved along a substantially circular path above the rotatable platform as the rotatable platform is rotated by the force-generating unit, thereby providing a lure for waterfowl.

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17. (original) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein said waterfowl decoy includes a body portion with wings spread and extending from opposed sides of the body portion so as to simulate flight.
18. (original) The apparatus of claim 16, further comprising a buoyant housing to which said force-generating unit is attached.
19. (original) An apparatus for luring waterfowl, the apparatus comprising:
 - a rotatable platform;
 - a force-generating unit for rotating the rotatable platform;
 - a buoyant housing to which said force-generating unit is attached;
 - a power source for powering the force-generating unit to rotate the rotatable platform;
 - one or more support arms attached to the rotatable platform, each of said support arms including:
 - a lower end attached to the rotatable platform; and
 - an upper end positioned above the rotatable platform;
 - wherein each of said support arms is flexible and bends when a decoy is attached to the upper end of the support arm; and
 - a waterfowl decoy attached to the upper end of each support arm with said decoy being positioned above the rotatable platform;
 - wherein each decoy is moved along a substantially circular path above the rotatable platform as the rotatable platform is rotated by the force-generating unit, thereby providing a lure for waterfowl.
20. (presently amended) The apparatus of claim 19, further comprising a floatation device operably associated with the buoyant housing for enhancing buoyancy of the apparatus.